

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

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DATE

August 26, 2020

MOTOR CARRIER MATTER

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DOCKET NO.

2020-83-E

UTILITIES MATTER

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ORDER NO.

SUBJECT:

DOCKET NO. 2020-83-E - Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Approval of Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Rider 12, Increasing Residential Rates and Decreasing Non-Residential Rates – Staff Presents for Commission Consideration the Request for Approval of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC’s Amended Application Regarding Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Rider 12, Increasing Residential Rates and Decreasing Non-Residential Rates.

COMMISSION ACTION:

On March 2, 2020, Duke Energy Carolinas filed an application seeking approval of Rider 12 to its demand side management and energy efficiency programs. In conjunction, Duke also requests that it be allowed to recover the costs of its Interruptible Service and Stand-By Generator programs as a component of Rider 12. On May 11, 2020, DEC filed amended exhibits to correct three errors in the original application. DEC seeks recovery of \$77,043,996 with \$45,335,574 (or 59%) attributed to residential customers and \$31,708,422 (or 41%) attributed to non-residential customers.

The Office of Regulatory Staff filed a review report on this matter. Based on its review, ORS recommends a reduction of \$15,568 to the Company’s total system program costs to account for the removal of certain expenses that were either not allowable for ratemaking purposes or lacked appropriate documentation for cost recovery. With the exception of the non-residential Energy Wise for Business program and the non-residential Information Technology Energy Efficient program, ORS found that Duke’s other programs continue to perform well and recommends approval. Realized cumulative energy savings have exceeded the anticipated energy savings by forty-six percent (46%), and although the number of non-residential opt-outs has increased slightly, ORS states the Company continues to work directly with large non-residential customers in an effort to entice those customers to participate. ORS also found that the updated DSM and EE Rate Riders were developed in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth by the Commission and are based on reasonable estimates of participation in the Company’s DSM and EE programs. Accepting the ORS adjustment, the average residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month would experience an increase of approximately \$1.10 per month, while the average non-residential customer.

Intervenors NAACP, South Carolina Coastal Conservation League, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, and Upstate Forever have filed extensive comments, particularly with regard to low income programs such as the Neighborhood Energy Saver Program and the Income Qualified Weatherization Program.

Intervenor Walmart has filed comments regarding the ability of non-residential customers to opt out of energy efficiency and demand response measures.

Based on the information presented in Duke Energy Carolinas amended application and the ORS report, I move that we approve Rider 12 to its demand side management and energy efficiency programs for the calendar year 2021, reduced by \$15,568 as recommended by ORS, along with recovery of costs associated with its existing Interruptible Service and Stand-By Generator programs.

Lastly, while Duke states that the instant docket is not the forum for the Commission to consider the implementation of the intervenor's comments, I note that DEC has filed an application for approval of revised cost recovery mechanisms for Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency in Docket No. 2013-298-E. The comments and issues raised by the Intervenor in the current docket may be addressed in the proceeding reviewing DEC's application of a revised cost recovery mechanism for demand-side management and energy efficiency programs pending in Docket No. 2013-298-E.

PRESIDING: Randall

SESSION: Regular

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

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BELSER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ERVIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	voting via videoconference
HAMILTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	voting via videoconference
HOWARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	voting via videoconference
RANDALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WHITFIELD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WILLIAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Absent</u> Military Leave

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RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding

